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WARNING

OF THE

Eternal Spirit,

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IN the Heart of the Upright, I delight to dwell: And in that Heart will I take up my Abode; and therein manifeſt my ſelf a *God* overflowing with Love and Compaſſion. Thus ſhall all the Upright and Faithful know, that the *Lord* has not forgotten to be *gracious*; neither will *He* with-hold his Bleſſing from them. I ſay unto you, by this ſhall ye know, that the *Lord* dwells in you, if ye receive from Him Tokens of his Love; which Tokens admit of ſeveral Characters. Yet ſhall the Heart that is upright before me, know, that they are Tokens of my Love, whether I vouchſafe to manifeſt my ſelf, in *Judgment*, in *Power*, in *Love*, in *Glory*, in *Acts of Terror*, in *Trials*, in *Exerciſes*, in *Difficulties*, in *Troubles*, in *Adverſities*, in *Temptations*. All theſe (my Children) are diſpenſed from *God*, in Love to your Souls, are Tokens of *His Love* unto you. Your Examination muſt alſo be, to know whether or no ye receive them as ſuch, and improve them

as the Nature of ſuch Tokens require. The Man whoſe Heart is upright before *Me*, receiveth every Diſpenſation of My Will unto him with Thankfulneſs, and thereby does he know, that it is a Token of my Love, if it be in Trials and Afflictions; *by his Thankfulneſs for the ſame, he engages Me in a more bountiful manner to manifeſt my Love unto him.* Thus to the Faithful and Upright in Heart am I good in every of My Dealings unto them, and they can ſay of a Truth, *I know* that GOD IS GOOD. It is becauſe of the Corruption and Wickedneſs of your own Hearts, that any Dealings of *God* with you ſeems hard unto you: For *He is good, and nothing contrary to Good can proceed from Him: He is Love, and nothing contrary to Love can proceed from Him:* But if ye abide not in this Love, you ſee not the Power of that Love operating in thoſe Diſpenſations of the Will and Power of God unto you. Rightly conſidering of this, *who can, or dare murmur or repine, at any ſeeming Difficulty or Hardſhip which may happen unto you?* In ſo doing (I ſay) ye become guilty of ſinning againſt God. *To you I promiſe all that is good; to you I will every thing that is good; to you I deſign every thing that is good.* Why is it that every thing does not ſo appear unto you? I AM GOOD, therefore is not the Fault on My Part; therefore is it on yours. Your Nature is corrupt, therefore is it, things really good, appear corrupt to your Nature.

From hence may ye learn, that, *it is neceſſary, nay abſolutely neceſſary, that your corrupt Nature be ſubdued*; which Work is great; and *I know, that ye of your ſelves are unable to do it.* Therefore is it that *I frequently call you*, ſaying, *Draw near unto Me, ſeek ye after Me*, for *there is none beſides Me, able to help.*

Whoſoever liſtens to this Call, and returns this Anſwer, " LORD, I am willing to come unto

" Thee; my Soul ſeeks after Thee; and I deſire
" not any thing in Compariſon to Thee: Thee I
" prefer above and beyond All; yet do feel ſome-
" thing, which (as a Weight) weighs me down,
" clogs down my Affections, and will not ſuffer
" me to draw near unto Thee: When my Deſire
" puſhes me forward, and ſays, Go; there is ſome-
" thing which pulls me back. Thus *Lord* would
" I come, but am kept back by the Prevalency of
" Sin in my Nature.

Is this Deſire in Thee, or Thee, or Thee, or in any of you? In whomſoever this reſides, they are labouring to *put off the Old Man, with his Deeds*; And I ſay unto ſuch, *Quickly*, and *I will unto thy Soul appear, and manifeſt My Self*: Which Manifeſtation ſhall be accompany'd with Power; which Power will give thee a new Life and Vigour, by which the Cords of the Wicked ſhall be broken, and thou ſhalt be ſet at Liberty. In that Soul *I have begun to work; which Work I will not leave unfiniſh'd*. No, no: But the ſame I will carry on unto Perfection, ſo that they ſhall become upright before Me.

Let this be ſufficient to encourage the Soul that thus wreſtles with *Principalities* and *Powers*, for *thou ſhalt know Him that ſnaps all Bonds in ſunder*, to ſet Thee free. Be thou therefore ſtrengthned, and rejoice in *the* LORD, *who as a* MIGHTY GOD, *will work for Thee*; and thou ſhalt hereafter become a Witneſs of His Truth, and made able to declare unto the World, what God has done for thy Soul. But unto all that do not experience this Work begun, this Frame of Heart and Diſpoſition of Mind; I ſay, awake, it is high Time for you to awake out of Sleep, for Enemies on every Side encamp againſt you; and *He that is not prepared for the Battle, will be deſtroyed.* It is not for any now to ſleep, or ſtand neuter, for the Day loudly calls for Diligence; therefore *put ye on the*

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Armour of God, and with Courage undaunted, wage ye war with Sin and Satan, and all the Powers of Darkneſs that oppoſe you, and ye ſhall (being clothed with that Armour which is impenetrable) remain ſafe from all thoſe fiery Darts which theſe Enemies will ſhoot at you.

Thus do I diſplay the Riches of my Love, and *declare my ſelf ready, not only to help, but give the Victory, unto All that thus fight manfully.*

Let the Sound of my Voice reach each of your Hearts, and the quickning Power of my Word be felt in your Souls, giving you new Life and Power, awakening you out of Sleep, and ſtirring you up to be diligent: Thus will your Souls be proved to be good Ground, by receiving the Seed, which I ſow, and nouriſhing the ſame to the bringing forth Fruit to my Glory.

Examine ye your ſelves by this Word, and thereby prove to your ſelves, *whether or no the Lord has begun in you; whether He has fix'd his Standard in your Hearts*; or whether ye ſtill remain dead. If ye feel the Breath of Life breathing in you, then wait for larger Breath of the ſame; ſo ſhall *ye know the Life of* GOD *to be your Life, in which ye ſhall ever live; for it will not admit of any more Death:* No, no; but YE SHALL EVER LIVE WITH GOD, *who is the Fountain from whence proceeds every Stream that runs in you.*

Ye are bleſſed if ye do My Will, *and obey* My Commands; *which Bleſſing I will encreaſe unto you, as ye encreaſe your Diligence and Faithfulneſs.*

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